

State of Maryland BRAC Action Plan

Foreword

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions provide Maryland an unprecedented opportunity to support the Department of Defense (DoD) in meeting their mission of achieving operational efficiencies in securing and defending our nation. In the single largest job growth in our State since the end of World War II, Maryland will experience the creation of as many as 60,000 jobs through the BRAC process. The challenges presented by this realignment and consolidation of military missions and activities also provide an opportunity for Maryland to better plan for anticipated growth.

In preparation for this expansion, the Governor in partnership with the General Assembly created the Governor's Subcabinet on Base Realignment and Closure, whose mission is to "coordinate State activities and work with the federal and local governments to prepare for and accommodate incoming households and jobs while sustaining and enhancing the quality of life throughout the State". A key task of the Subcabinet has been to develop a statewide BRAC Action Plan. This Action Plan is intended to be a dynamic document that will be revised over the next four years, as more specific information regarding the needs and requirements associated with BRAC are identified, collected and analyzed.

As part of the input, research and compilation process of this Action Plan, the public has been invited to participate in the ten (10) Subcabinet meetings that occurred during the past five months. These meetings were held in each of the BRAC-impacted communities, in addition to the three meetings of the Maryland Military Installation Council during the same time period. In order to learn more about the DoD's specific BRAC movement plans and communicate the State's activities to assist, the Subcabinet has conducted meetings with the commands of the five (5) gaining military installations in Maryland – Aberdeen Proving Ground, Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Detrick, Fort George G. Meade and National Naval Medical Center (Bethesda Naval Hospital) - as well as with the commands of Ft. Monmouth in New Jersey and the Defense Information Systems Agency in Virginia.

In addition, each member of the Subcabinet has reviewed each recommendation from every county-level BRAC action plan that was provided to the State. The Subcabinet also received and considered all information and recommendations presented by the

Subcabinet's Local Government Subcommittee in October 2007. While some recommendations were very specific to county and local actions, a number of others were incorporated into statewide actions in this Action Plan.

Attached is the *working draft* BRAC Action Plan for the State of Maryland. It is intended to be only a draft document and open for review. The public is invited to comment on this initial document and encouraged to provide input on the issues raised herein. Included in the *working draft* is:

1. Statewide action plan matrix
2. Matrices for each of the gaining military installations
3. FY'08 Capital Budget
4. BRAC legislative proposals

Each of the military installation matrices and the statewide matrix contains four sections: (1) Infrastructure and Housing, (2) Transportation, (3) Workforce Development & Education, and (4) Economic Development & Small/ Minority Business.

The budget section of this document reflects capital projects for Fiscal Year 2008 only. The items are ongoing and demonstrate our commitment to moving the State forward in our BRAC implementation activities. Future budgets items and recommendations (such as the recommendations in the county BRAC action plans and Local Government Subcommittee report) for Fiscal Years 2009 – 2012 are currently under consideration in conjunction with the Governor's budget development process and will be taken under consideration as the BRAC process continues in the coming years.

Public comments are encouraged and can be submitted to the Subcabinet directly by calling (401) 260-6116, via email at BRAC@gov.state.md.us or by writing to:

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Thank you for your interest. We look forward to your comments.